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Syncope Trust And Reflex anoxic Seizures

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## **STARS awarded commendation by the British Medical Association for children's literature**

**15 September 2011, LONDON:** Syncope Trust And Reflex anoxic Seizures (STARS), the Blackouts Trust, has received an award at the British Medical Association Patient Information Awards.

STARS was commended for its paediatric booklet, Jack has RAS. The booklet has been developed to provide carers with a tool to communicate information to young children (4-7 years old) who have been diagnosed with Reflex Anoxic Seizures (RAS). The booklet describes situations (as advised by carers) which a child with RAS may experience, including visits to hospital, impact on siblings and school activities.

The language and illustrations have been specifically designed to appeal to an audience of young children and their carers. The aim of the booklet is to reassure, educate and support a child's understanding of RAS and how the condition can be managed so they can lead a full and active life.

Jack has RAS was prepared under the guidance of the STARS expert Medical Advisory Committee, made up of a multidisciplinary group of specialists.

STARS Chief Executive, Trudie Lobban, MBE, said, "We are delighted that STARS has been awarded at the BMA Patient Information Awards for a second consecutive year. STARS takes pride in the quality and accessibility of its resources for patients, and we are thrilled that this booklet has been highlighted as an example of our commitment to providing information and support to individuals, families and medical professionals."

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Jack has RAS is available in the Kids and Teens section of the STARS website [www.stars.org.uk/kids-and-teens/young-people/advice-for-young-people](http://www.stars.org.uk/kids-and-teens/young-people/advice-for-young-people) and as a hard copy.

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